GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2545
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2001
ASSISTANCE FROM ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR KARNATAKA
SUDARSANA E.M. NATCHIAPPAN

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved assistance of $ 240 Million for the `Western Transport Corridor` from Tumkur to Haveri in Karnataka on National Highway-4;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of the western transport corridor project; and

(d) the areas likely to be covered under the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A US $ 240 million loan has been approved by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 20.9.2001 to the Government of India for Western Transport Corridor Tumkur-Haveri NH-4 Project. The loan repayment period is 25 years including a grace period of 5 years.

(c) & (d) The proceeds of the loan will be utilised for rehabilitation and upgradation of the existing NH-4 between Tumkur (km 75.0) and Haveri (Km 340.0) excluding Sirra bypass (km.116 to 122) in the State of Karnataka.The project involves widening of the existing NH-4 to 4-lanes, besides construction of 4 bypasses at Brahmasagara, Harihara, Ranibenneur and Haveri, construction of 6 lane Road-over-bridges (ROB) at existing level crossing at Hanumanhatti and Nelgol and construction of additional 3-lane ROB by the side of the existing ROB at Davangere bypass.